

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

REPORTING PERIOD

March 1953

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| 1. CRYPTONYM BGCONVOY | | 2. DIVISION OR BRANCH SE/2 | | 3. COUNTRY Target Bulgaria Base Greece & Turkey | | 4. DATE ORIGINALLY APPROVED a. Program b. Project 24 Apr. 1950 | |
| a. Program | | b. Project | | EXTENSION 3115 | | SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER | |
| 5. NAME OF CASE OFFICER | | | | ROOM NO. 1110 "J" | | | |
| 6. TYPE OF PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> FI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PP | | | | DOCUMENT NO. 8 | | | |
| 7. STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> OPERATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> LIQUIDATION CHARGE IN CLASS. <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | | |
| 8. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED | | O/S | | U.S. | | 9. FY ACCT. CHARGED TO: TS 50 | |
| U.S. - - - - - | | 16 | | 8 | | OBLIGATIONS TO DATE | |
| FOREIGN NAT'L - - - - - | | 3 | | 0 | | | |
| TOTAL | | 19 | | 8 | | | |

11. Summary

During the week following Stalin's death Radio Gorianin gave major emphasis to the consequences of Stalin's death in the upsetting of the present Satellite hierarchies and to forecasts of the replacement of Chervenkov, the Stalin-appointed Bulgarian Premier, and his henchmen with Malenkovites. As an indication of Soviet sensitivity to this line, the previous average of two jammers per broadcast was steadily increased to a maximum of eleven monitored on one broadcast of 9 March. To increase the credibility of Gorianin's predictions, a story predicting the purge of Chervenkov, crediting Gorianin broadcasts monitored in Germany, was planted on the front page of the Berlin Telegraf of 22 March. Both VOA and RFE have been requested to exploit the article in their broadcasts to permit Gorianin to cite their broadcasts in furthering their anti-Chervenkov campaign. Gorianin has also placed heavy emphasis on the signing of the Balkan Pact as evidence of growing Western solidarity as opposed to the insecurity of the Soviet orbit.

Two hundred thousand leaflets bearing resistance slogans, gummed and perforated, have been printed and will be sent to Athens for early air drop or infiltration. The text of a second leaflet bearing the complete text of the Balkan Pact has been prepared and forwarded to Athens for approval. A third leaflet, with religious text, has also been submitted. The text of a newspaper, to be printed in the style of the Otechestven Front, the leading Sofia Communist daily, has been approved by Headquarters. Since no facilities are available in Washington for printing newspapers and large-sized propaganda in Cyrillic type, inquiries are being made of TAE, Frankfurt as to its ability to reproduce the paper. Text of an internal resistance newspaper to be called Voice of Resistance has been approved and forwarded to Athens for mimeographing and infiltration.

has rejected a letter prepared by Dimitrev for forwarding to his principal agent in Europe containing Dimitrov's instructions for the latter's participation in the proposed operation to test Dimitrov's assets in Bulgaria. Since Dimitrov's letter would permit his agent to determine unilaterally the degree of his own participation in conducting the operation, recommends that Headquarters review its whole relationship with Dimitrov. It is likely that CIA will cancel the proposed test because of Dimitrov's continued insistence on overly intimate participation in the operation.

Two meetings were held in Rome between the Chief of SE/2 (Bulgaria) and Ivan Mihailov, pursuant to the latter's request through Rene Charron. Charron, a French Balkan expert, believed that Mihailov wanted to offer the services of his organization (IMRO) for operational use. The conferences revealed that Mihailov did not want to engage in operations into Bulgaria until the United States developed a positive ideological program with the expressed goal of granting basic human rights to all persons. It was also evident that if Mihailov should in the future decide to participate operationally in Bulgarian operations his demands would confront CIA with the same form of difficulty as its present negotiations with Dimitrov. A channel for future negotiations has been left open.